

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Serial No. : 10/575,661

Applicants : Kazutoshi OKUBO et al.

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For : DEVICE FOR RECOVERING  
FEEDSTOCK LIQUID...

Art Unit : 1797

Examiner : Huy Tram NGUYEN

Docket No. : 06263/HG

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**RECORD OF SUBSTANCE  
OF INTERVIEW BY APPLICANTS**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

S I R :

In response to the requirement under 37 CFR 1.133(b) that applicants provide a statement of the substance of the March 31, 2010 telephone interview with the Examiner, applicants provide the following statement:

1. The undersigned discussed with the Examiner the rejection of claims 14, 17, 30 to 31 and 44 to 46 under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Yoshimuta (JP 5-279043) as set forth in paragraph no. 3 on pages 2 to 4 of the December 31, 2009 Office Action.

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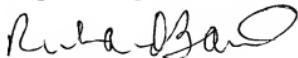
The Examiner said that applicants' arguments regarding this rejection in the AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111 filed March 18, 2010 were not persuasive to overcome the rejection.

The Examiner suggested that applicants consider amending claim 14 to recite an apparatus feature (such as valve 79 in Fig. 22), which would provide for the removal of the aqueous ammonia solution from the aqueous solution reservoir to maintain a constant distance between the ends of the dripping nozzles and the surface of the aqueous ammonia solution.

2. The Examiner said that the arguments set forth in the AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111 filed March 18, 2010 regarding the rejection of claims 13, 40 to 41 and 43 under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Yoshimuta (JP 5-279043) in view of Ryota (JP 2000-146993) in paragraph no. 7 on pages 5 to 7 of the December 31, 2009 Office Action presently appear to be persuasive.

The Examiner said that she will conduct a further search to determine if she will withdraw such rejection.

Respectfully submitted,



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